

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed April 6, 2005. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 1, 11, 16, and 21 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Claims 1-6, 11, 12, 16-18, 21, and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Aviani, et al. Independent Claims 1, 11, 16, and 21 recite in general the ability to directly route subsequent packets associated with the communication session to the selected one of the plurality of processors in response to the virtual identifier without performing the initial processing. By contrast, the Aviani, et al. patent requires that its BOOM Server process every packet before forwarding packets on to a selected BOOM Client Server. Thus, the Aviani, et al. patent is not capable of directly routing subsequent data packets to a selected processor in response to a virtual identifier without initial processing as required by the claimed invention. Support for the above recitation can be found at page 13, lines 1-21, of Applicant's specification. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-6, 11, 12, 16-18, 21, and 22 are not anticipated by the Aviani, et al. patent.

Claims 10, 15, 20, and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aviani, et al. Independent Claim 1, from which Claim 10 depends; Independent Claim 11, from which Claim 15 depends; Independent Claim 16, from which Claim 20 depends; and Independent claim 21, from which Claim 25 depends, have been shown above to be patentably distinct from the Aviani, et. al. patent. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 10, 15, 20, and 25 are patentably distinct from the Aviani, et al. patent.

Claims 7-9, 13, 14, 19, 23, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aviani, et al. in view of Hamami. Independent Claim 1, from which Claims 7-9 depend; Independent Claim 11, from which Claims 13 and 14 depend; Independent Claim 16, from which Claim 19 depends; and Independent Claim 21, from which Claims 23 and 24 depend, have been shown above to be patentably distinct from the Aviani, et. al. patent. Moreover, the Hamami patent does not include any additional disclosure combinable with the Aviani patent that would be material to patentability of these claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 7-9, 13, 14, 19, 23, and 24 are patentably distinct from the proposed Aviani, et al. - Hamami combination.

Attached herewith for consideration by the Examiner is an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO 1449 indicating documents being cited by Applicant in this Application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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